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1. During the month of March 1949, the distribution of corn (maize) was limited to 5 kilograms per person for the entire month, 30 grams of oil and 50 grams of salt.
2. Special efforts were made to collect and send meats to Soviet Russia in exchange for agricultural products sent to Albania. For that purpose an additional levy of 3 kilograms of meat for every 10 goats or sheep was imposed; not even small herds for domestic use were exempted. In gathering great quantities of meat for export, the Cooperatives were very successful in exchanging corn for meat. The peasants who needed corn turned in their live-stock in great numbers. A cow was exchanged for 50 oke of corn (sic).
3. Work on the repair of the oil pipeline from Kossove to Vlone began on 15 April 1949. The plan for this project has been completed. Ten labor brigades, comprising some 15,000 laborers, are to be used on the project.
4. On 20 March 1949, construction was resumed on the road between Gramsh and Lozenk; this road will be 31 kilometers long, and will connect the two roads Elbasan-Gramsh and Korce-Lozenk, which are now being repaired and paved with asphalt. Korce and Elbasan will thus be directly connected via the valley of the Devoli River; this will save a distance of 30 kilometers over the former route via Librasht-Ohris-Pogradec, along the Yugoslav frontier.

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